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March 2, 1979

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Honorable William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20535

Reference: INVESTIGATION OF BRENDAN BYRNE

Dear Judge Webster:

I read with great interest in the Newark Star Ledger that there is a rumor floating around that our Governor, Brendan Byrne, is being considered for Attorney General of the United States of America.

Brendan Byrne, as quoted by the Star Ledger, when he was a member of the Public Utilities Commission thought nothing of buying high grade utility bonds and then regulating those companies whose bonds he held.

I also read in the Star Ledger that Brendan Byrne spent the tax-payers of the State of New Jersey's money defending his right not to account for a \$30,000.00 expense account by the voucher system, thus exposing it to public scrutiny - he won the case; but he lost my confidence. Any man who must hide his expenses from the public while in public office is skating on very thin ice.

Brendan Byrne, according to the Star Ledger, was involved in an insurance company who has allegedly swindled thousands of senior citizens in our State. An investigator in the State Insurance Department has publicly stated in the Star Ledger that the State Commissioner of Insurance, Mr. Sheeran, gave her the impression he did not want her to pursue her investigation of this company. I wonder why?

It would be also very interesting to find out who in State Government or any of their cronies or allies, business partners, etc., was short on Resort's stock 30 to 90 days before the New Jersey Attorney General announced that they would contest Resort's application for a permanent license to conduct gambling in Atlantic City.

It is possible that if Brendan Byrne is made United States Attorney General, he will wind up the same way John Mitchell did.

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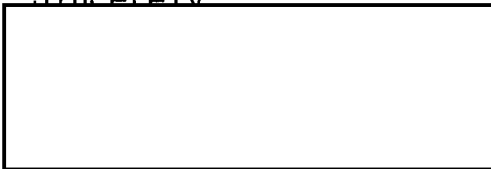
Hon. William H. Webster

March 2, 1979

I'm reading a very interesting book about the U-Boat war off the East Coast at the beginning of the second world war. There is a story in this book that tells of one of the German saboteurs who was landed on our Eastern Shore had second thoughts about his mission. He went to the local FBI office to give up. They didn't believe him, he finally had to go to the FBI office in Washington, it took him about six hours to persuade the FBI in Washington that they should arrest him as a German spy.

One hopes that the FBI will learn from its mistakes in the future.

Sincerely



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To: SAC, Newark

From: Director, FBI

ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING
NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR
BRENDAN BYRNE;
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letter dated 3/2/79 received at FBIHQ from [redacted] concerning New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne.

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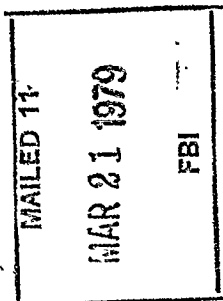
[redacted] letter contains nonspecific allegations against Governor Byrne. However, Newark should contact [redacted] acknowledge receipt of his letter, and ascertain if he has any additional information which would provide a basis for an investigation to be instituted.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

GOVERNOR BRENDAN T. BYRNE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On 11/10/80 Newark advised FBIHQ that it was initiating an overt investigation into allegations that

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[redacted] Governor Byrne in 1976 in b7C
order to obtain [redacted]

[redacted] At the
request of Boston Strike Force [redacted]
[redacted] who is conducting a related grand jury
investigation, Newark has held its overt investigation
in abeyance. Boston now concurs in Newark's overt
inquiry into the aforesaid allegations against Governor
Byrne.

[redacted] has stated that in an effort [redacted] b6
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[redacted] Boston attorneys Arthur A. Coia and his
law partner Albert J. Lepore, who is also a Rhode Island
state representative. The latter individuals advised
[redacted] that they would [redacted] to Governor
Byrne who would then [redacted]
[redacted] stated that [redacted] to
Coia and Lepore but that [redacted]

Although some corroboration of Coia's and Lepore's
representation to [redacted] that [redacted] to
Governor Byrne has been developed, [redacted] has not
otherwise been substantially established.

- 1 - Mr. Mullen
1 - Mr. Steel
1 - Mr. Revell

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1 - [redacted] Mr. Freeh

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DATE: 3/30/79

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ATTN OF: SAC, NEWARK (194-49)(C)(C-2)

SUBJECT: *TJG* ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING
N.J. GOVERNOR
BRENDAN BYRNE;
HOBBS ACT - CPO

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: Bureau airtel to Newark dated 3/21/79.

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JG [] wrote Director KELLY during March, 1977, re the hiring by Treasury Secretary WILLIAM E. SIMON of an ex-convict to a federal regulatory agency. [] obtained this information from a newspaper. During February, 1977, [] wrote the Attorney General regarding the air traffic controller slow down. [] was interviewed during March, 1977, and advised he based this letter to the Attorney General on a magazine article.

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On 3/29/79 [] advised that he had received a letter from the Bureau acknowledging receipt of his letter re Governor BYRNE. [] also stated he has written again to the FBI Director re [] and to the FAA re the San Diego plane crash.

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[] advised that he has no direct knowledge of any instances of political corruption within the State of New Jersey and forms his opinions based on what he reads in the press. [] advised that he does not trust politicians.

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In view of this information, no disseminable communication is being submitted.

Newark has reviewed the information furnished by [] and has determined no predication for investigation.

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ E F T O
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Date 11/20/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (194C-111) (TRA) (C)

SUBJECT: BRENDAN T. BYRNE, GOVERNOR.
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 HOBBS ACT-CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS

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Re Newark teletype to Bureau, 11/10/80; Newark
 telcal to Boston Supervisor JOHN BURKE, 11/19/80.

In a series of discussions involving [redacted]
 [redacted], Organized Crime Strike Force, Newark,
 New Jersey; WILLIAM ROBERTSON, U.S. Attorney, District
 of New Jersey, and [redacted]
 Organized Crime Strike Force, Boston, Mass., it was
 decided that prosecution in this issue would be
 coordinated by the Boston Strike Force.

To avoid potential administrative confusion
 Newark will close captioned matter and affect appropriate
 investigation through Boston origin matter entitled,
 "ARTHUR E. COIA; ET AL; RICO," (NK 183-1104).

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 for info re Byrne which
 related to the above. 12/4/80
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RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA, ALLEGED BOSS OF THE NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILY, WAS ALSO TO HAVE RECEIVED PAYMENTS IN RETURN FOR HIS INFLUENCE IN OBTAINING UNION RELATED INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

FNLIC, SUPRA, WAS FOUNDED IN 1973, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INSURANCE CONTRACTS PRIMARILY FROM LIUNA. FNLIC WAS LICENSED IN ONLY SIX SOUTHEASTERN STATES AND, ACCORDINGLY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THEREAFTER, [REDACTED] STATED THAT

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TOWARD THIS END, [REDACTED] ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., AND AL LEPORE, A RHODE ISLAND STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DUE TO THEIR ALLEGED INFLUENCE WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE WOULD NEED [REDACTED] TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR BRENDAN T. BYRNE TO FACILITATE FAVORABLE ACTION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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IN EARLY 1976 (EXACT DATES UNKNOWN) [REDACTED]
TO AL LEPORE AND ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO GOVERNOR BYRNE. [REDACTED] WAS LATER ADVISED
THAT ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., HAD, IN FACT, CONSUMMATED THE
DEAL WITH GOVERNOR BYRNE IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.
INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT GOVERNOR BYRNE AND "GERALD LEE",
S. R. C., HAD STAYED AT "THE BREAKERS HOTEL", PALM BEACH, FLORIDA,
IN THE INCLUSIVE PERIOD FEBRUARY 12-16, 1976. "GERALD LEE" IS
BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL TO GEORGE W. LEE, FORMER NEW JERSEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, AND MAJOR POLITICAL FUND-RAISER ON
BEHALF OF GOVERNOR BYRNE. OF FURTHER INTEREST IS A LETTER DATED
FEBRUARY 18, 1976, TO JOHN G. FOLEY, DEPUTY NEW JERSEY
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, FROM ZAZZALI AND ZAZZALI LAW FIRM,
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING A HEARING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DATE REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF GALICO. ZAZZALI AND ZAZZALI
ALLEGEDLY "HANDLED" THE CAMPAIGN OF GOVERNOR BYRNE "AT ONE TIME".

THE NEW JERSEY INSURANCE COMMISSION, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY,
IN A LATER VOTE, DECLINED TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF GALICO.

ON NOVEMBER 10, 1980, [REDACTED]
ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, WAS CONTACTED

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AND CONCURRED WITH THE INITIATION OF A SEPARATE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER. FURTHER, IT IS NOTED THAT VENUE COULD LIE IN THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA WHEREIN THE ALLEGED BRIBE TO GOVERNOR BYRNE WAS PERPETRATED OR IN THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, WHEREIN CONVERSATIONS AND FURTHERANCE OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE EFFECTED.

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO [REDACTED] THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WOULD APPEAR TO EXPIRE IN EARLY 1981, AND ACCORDINGLY, INVESTIGATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED IN A MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RE: BOSTON TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1980.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIOG, 194-3.4, A SEPARATE INVESTIGATION IS BEING INITIATED INTO THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED PAYOFF OF GOVERNOR BYRNE. SAC ROBERT J. MC CARTHY, NEWARK DIVISION, AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEWARK, CONCUR IN THIS MATTER.

INVESTIGATION BY NEWARK HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE BOSTON ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE.

(SEE BOSTON AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, JULY 11, 1980).

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FBIHQ, BOSTON, AND MIAMI WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF ALL
INVESTIGATION SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE ONGOING ARTHUR E.
COIA MATTER.

UACB, NEWARK DIVISION WILL INITIATE INVESTIGATION AS OUTLINED
ABOVE.

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BRENDAN T. BYRNE, GOVERNOR, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; HOBBS ACT-
CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS, EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT LEVEL

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER IS PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM THE BOSTON AND MIAMI DIVISIONS OF THE FBI PERTINENT
TO ARTHUR E. COIA, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE LABORERS INTER-
NATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA (LIUNA), AND OTHERS. COIA AND/OR
OTHER OFFICIALS OF LIUNA ARE ALLEGED TO BE ASSOCIATES OF ORGANIZED
CRIME FIGURES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DESIRED TO OBTAIN FROM LIUNA UNION INSURANCE CONTRACTS FOR
COMPANIES IN WHICH [REDACTED] HELD A FIDUCIARY INTEREST. [REDACTED] HAS
STATED THAT IN RETURN FOR SUCH CONTRACTS [REDACTED] PROVIDED ARTHUR E.
COIA FINANCIAL INTEREST IN [REDACTED] INSURANCE COMPANIES.

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